



Community News and Events

Forty Year Long Foothill Freeway Land Dispute Closer to a Final Resolution

Earlier this month, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 1386 authored by Assemblymember Hayashi. This law represents the best and most equitable compromise among environmentalists, Caltrans, City of Hayward and hundreds of Caltrans' tenants who rent homes and apartments from the agency within the State Route 238 corridor, also known as the formerly proposed Foothill Freeway.

AB 1386 resolves the 40-year long dispute over an abandoned Caltrans project for the State Highway Route 238 corridor. It permits Caltrans to relinquish a portion of state highway routes, including the 238 corridor, enabling Hayward and central Alameda County to access the space and initiate plans to meet local housing and transportation needs.



In the late 1960s, Caltrans began a project to build a freeway in the 238 corridor, purchasing hundreds of parcels for the right-of-way. The project stalled, and by the 1980s, it was determined that the project was no longer feasible. Because of AB 1386, Caltrans will be allowed to rescind the freeway project at last, and sell the excess properties. Funds from the sale of the parcels will be used to support Hayward's and central Alameda County's alternative transportation program, as well as other state highway purposes.

"This is a great victory for the Hayward community," said Greg Jones, City Manager for Hayward. "AB 1386 has alleviated decades of frustration over the waste and red tape surrounding this project. Now we can finally move forward and address the growing transportation and housing needs of our residents."

In late September, corridor tenants were provided a special meeting to learn about the protections afforded to them in AB 1386 including a relocation stipend for eligible tenant households from the city, the provision of an additional 237 new affordable housing units in the corridor, as well as home purchase assistance.

Interstate 238 Widening Project Recently Completed Improving Traffic Flow and Air Quality



the area.

After several years of construction, the \$100 million widening project for Interstate 238 is now complete. I-238 is a major thoroughfare linking I-580 and I-880 in central Alameda County. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 9th to congratulate Caltrans and ACTIA for their efforts in completing the project early and within budget.

The widening project consisted of creating an additional lane in both eastbound and westbound traffic along with improved safety features such as enhanced emergency lanes, safety and sound walls, and extended merge lanes.

Before the widening project, westbound I-238 traffic would commonly backup from I-880 in San Leandro all the way to the BART station along I-580 in Castro Valley. Now traffic flows smoothly, improving commute times and air quality in

California Medical Association Names Hayashi Its “Legislator of the Year”



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi has been named *Legislator of the Year* by the California Medical Association (CMA). CMA presented the award to Assemblymember Hayashi at their annual policy meeting in Anaheim, California on October 17th.

Assemblymember Hayashi accepted the prestigious award as the first Legislator to be honored in CMA’s history for this highly regarded distinction. CMA recognized the Assemblymember’s strong commitment to protecting the integrity of the doctor-patient relationship, and to ensuring that Californians have access to high quality care from their doctors.

Founded in 1856, CMA’s mission is the promotion of the science and art of medicine, the protection of public health, and the betterment of the medical profession. The organization and its leaders have achieved many accomplishments including the establishment of the state public health department, access to immunizations for children, the creation of California’s first medical schools at Stanford and the University of California, and its pioneering work in organ transplants and related national guidelines.

San Leandro Receives \$1.5 Million in Homelessness Prevention Funds from the State



The California Department of Housing and Community Development awarded several programs in San Leandro with \$1.5 million in Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) funds.

As part of the federal economic stimulus package, the HPRP funds provide financial assistance, case management, legal, credit repair counseling and other vital services to individuals who are at risk of becoming homeless.

Those receiving the funds include Cornerstone Community Development Corporation and its partner agencies - the City of San Leandro, Davis Street Resource Center and ECHO Housing.

Assemblymember Hayashi Speaks at APAPA – Bay Area Chapter Meeting



Assemblymember Hayashi was invited to speak at the Bay Area Chapter of the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association's forum in Santa Clara last month after being elected as the Vice Chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus.

Members of APAPA had an opportunity to hear about the legislative process, budget updates, bills passed by the legislature, and current issues facing the state such as the delta water debate.

APAPA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate the public about public policy and foster future leaders from minority communities to serve at federal, state and local levels.



Healthy Aging Fair in Hayward Enjoyed by Hundreds of Seniors



held a mobile district office at the 8th Annual Healthy Aging Fair in September at Hayward's Center

Hundreds of seniors throughout Alameda County came to the annual event to receive free health screenings, meet organizations and agencies that serve their needs, and enjoy local entertainment. Hayashi's district staff was available at the fair to assist seniors with state related issues, provide resource guides, and inform them of the services the Assembly offices provide.



Hayashi Celebrates the 17th Annual Korean Day Folk Festival in San Francisco



Recently celebrated the 17th Annual Korean Day Folk Festival in San Francisco. The festival brings together thousands of dancers, taste rich cultural foods, shop for ethnic merchandise, and peruse the diverse displays of Korean culture.

The Bay Area is home to over 100,000 Korean-Americans. California has over 52,000 Korean-owned businesses that generate \$19 billion in revenue to the state.

Assemblymember Hayashi honored the Korean-American Association of San Francisco & Bay Area, the host, for its invaluable work of creating an environment that promotes peace and harmony through understanding and embracing cultural differences. She recognized them for developing pride in the Asian community as well as building friendly relationships with neighboring communities as a way to promote unity. Congratulations!

Hayashi Honors Judges Katherine Feinstein and Stephen Reinhardt



Assemblymember Hayashi honored Assistant Presiding Judge of San Francisco County's Superior Court, the Honorable Katherine Feinstein, and the United States Court of Appeals Judge for the Ninth Circuit, the Honorable Stephen Roy Reinhardt, for their exemplary record of personal and professional accomplishments at the 33rd Annual Judges Awards hosted by the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association.

Judge Feinstein received the honor of "Judge of the Year" for her numerous contributions to the legal and judicial community and her outstanding record of civic leadership.

Judge Reinhardt was honored as the "Federal Appellate Judge of the Year" for his 29 years of judicial service on the appellate court and outstanding record of public service in civil rights advocacy. Congratulations!

Teamsters Leader Chuck Mack Honored by Hayashi and the UC Berkeley Labor Center



On October 9th, former Teamster Local 70 leader, Chuck Mack, was honored as a recipient of a special All-Star Award by the University of California, Berkeley Labor Center at its *Evening with the All-Stars – Celebrating the Spirit and Strength of Working People*.

As the newly appointed Co-Chair of the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust, Mr. Mack was honored by Assemblymember Hayashi for his 40 years of leadership in making California a better place for working families. His contributions to the members of the Teamsters have been invaluable as he has negotiated national contracts with the freight industry and United Parcel Service. Congratulations and best wishes on your new role!

Assemblymember Hayashi Honors 3 GLOBE Civil Rights Advocates

Three GLOBE
lesbian community



Mr. Jim Paramore
Castleberry and
service and
community.

Congratulations to

members were honored by Assemblymember Hayashi for their exemplary work on behalf of the gay and at 16th Annual Celebration and Awards event on September 19th.

received the Community Service Award for his work with the Lighthouse Community Center. Mr. Jerry Mr. Richard James were recognized as recipients of the coveted Pryor Conrad Award for their years of commitment in fulfilling GLOBE's mission to strengthen and build a brighter future for the LGBT

the honorees!

Livermore – Pleasanton Fire Chief William Cody Retires



After 32 years of dedicated service, Livermore–Pleasanton Fire Chief William Cody retired from the Livermore–Pleasanton Fire Department on October 16th.

Fire Chief Cody embarked on his firefighting career more than three decades ago with the Los Angeles Fire Department. Prior to becoming LPFD Fire Chief in 2005, he held the position of Assistant Fire Chief for the Newark Fire Department.

With his wife standing by his side, Chief Cody received a formal celebratory walk-out by the men and women whom he led over many years along with nearby fire, city, county and state officials. Best wishes for a much earned retirement.

Oakland Zoo's New Baboon Cliffs Exhibit Opens



One of the best jewels of the 18th Assembly District, the Oakland Zoo, recently unveiled its new Baboon Cliffs exhibit on October 1st.

This latest and naturalistic exhibit includes a large rock wall, water fall, grass and trees, allowing the baboons to engage in such natural behavior as picking grass, digging and climbing. The exhibit's raised platforms have been designed to bring the baboons to eye level with zoo guests for better viewing and research study.

The new facility provides the baboons with climbing logs, hammocks, swinging ropes, and other objects to provide comfort and enrichment. [For more information, click here.](#)



Ashland Youth Campus and Holland Park Groundbreaking Celebrated



In late September for the redevelopment of the old Holland Oil site located on East 14th Street into a brand new 30,000 sq ft Jack Holland, Sr. Park.

This once contaminated urban brown field will be transformed into a green field featuring a skate park, soccer field and track. The youth center will provide a new gym for indoor sports, computers to reduce the digital divide, and space for meetings and classrooms.

Funding for the center and park came from the economic stimulus money, a grant from the State of California, as well as The Alameda County Redevelopment Agency, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, and the San Lorenzo Unified School District. In addition, the Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League will also provide youth programs at

the center in an effort to help reduce violence in the area by keeping children involved in sports, dance, culinary arts, and leadership building.

State-of-the-Art Kidney Dialysis Center Opens in San Leandro



San Leandro is now home to one of the most advanced Kidney Dialysis Centers, San Leandro Dialysis, located on the south side of Bay Fair Center.

An affiliate of DaVita, San Leandro Dialysis offers the latest equipment for those who suffer from chronic kidney disease and places the patient in the most comfortable setting during their dialysis procedure. The addition of this new facility again demonstrates DaVita's commitment to addressing quality of life issues vital to enabling dialysis patients in our community to receive the best possible services to meet their needs.

Welcome to San Leandro!

Bernal Park Opens in Pleasanton



A dedication ceremony for the first of four phases of the new 50-acre Bernal Community Park in Pleasanton was held on September 12th with hundreds of residents showing their support and gratitude.

Phase I has just been completed and features two lighted baseball fields, one unlighted baseball field, paved parking, restroom facilities, maintenance facility, landscaping, and a children's play area. The newly developed park will offer greatly expanded opportunities for

area residents to enjoy outdoor recreational activities. Future phases of the park will include more sports fields, picnic grounds, a 1,000-seat amphitheater, dog park, trails, and public art.



With the dedication of this new park, the City of Pleasanton has realized the beginning of what will be a valued resource for all its citizens for many years to come.

State Public Works Board Meeting and Agenda



Appointed by Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi is a member of the State Public Works Board (SPWB) as a legislative advisor. The State Public Works Board was created by the Legislature to oversee the fiscal matters associated with construction of projects for state agencies, and to select and acquire real property for state facilities and programs. The SPWB is also the issuer of lease-revenue bonds, which is a form of long term

financing that is used to pay for capital projects.

The Legislature appropriates funds for capital outlay projects such as acquiring land, planning and constructing new buildings, expanding or modifying existing buildings, and/or purchasing equipment related to such construction. Through review and approval processes, the SPWB ensures that capital outlay projects adhere to the Legislature's appropriation intentions.

Next Board Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 113

[MEETING NOTICE CLICK HERE](#)

Online Link: <http://www.spwb.ca.gov>

District Event



H1N1 (Swine) and Seasonal Flu Town Hall –

Thank You for Your Interest

Reservations Are No Longer Being Accepted As We Have Reached Our Maximum Capacity for This Event.

To prepare for the H1N1 (Swine) Flu Virus, you're invited to a FREE Healthcare Town Hall.

Friday, October 30, 2009

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Hayward Area Senior Center

Main Hall

22325 N. Third Street

Hayward, CA

FREE ADMISSION – advance reservations are required.

Learn from Medical Experts:

- Prevention methods
- Treatments available
- Where to receive the vaccine
- What are the risks of the vaccine
- Who should get the vaccine

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE:

Qualifying seniors and persons with disabilities may contact and pre-register with the Hayward Roundabout Shuttle by calling (510) 583-4230.

Special accommodations can be made for the deaf and hard of hearing with 72 hours notice.

Seasonal flu shots are **FREE for those covered by Medicare – Part B (Non-HMO), others may be charged a fee of \$5.00. H1N1 flu shots are **FREE** to everyone if vaccine is available.*

Assemblymember Hayashi's Voting Record and Helpful Links

AFSCME	100% Rating
Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California Labor Federation	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
California State Sheriffs' Association	Highest Ranking
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Association of Social Workers – CA	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Sierra Club	100% Rating

Assemblymember Hayashi's Website ([Click Here](#))

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Resources Available

New Publication Available



H1N1 (Swine) Flu

Publications Available



Global Warming – How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint



California's Economic Stimulus Package



Public Safety Resource Guide



Child Immunization Law



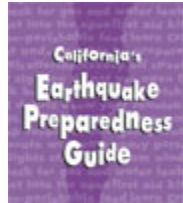
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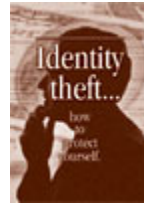
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



The California State Budget Process

Free community resource guides are now available online or in print through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find these and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the State Resources Websites link. This will lead web surfers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.